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cc:
Subject: FMC/Astaris Pond 17 and 18 capping

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Dear Linda,

I am appauled that FMC, which has polluted the Pocatello valley for the last 50 years, is being allowed to leave their mess insitu. FMC has garnered EPA's largest fine in the continental United States. The citizens of Pocatello have been burdoned with atrocities caused by FMC over many decades, this should not be allowed to continue.

FMC has produced tons upon tons of airborne pollutants every year, jeopardizing our health and that of our children. FMC has polluted the Fort Hall Indian reservation with amounts of Flouride that killed cattle (Spanbauer's law suit) and made people sick!

FMC has resided in Power County but their pollution has cost Pocatello citizens tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars, because Pocatello was cited for being a "non-attainment area" in regards to Federal Air Quality Standards. FMC is not even in the same county but Pocatello suffers the consequences.

FMC has scarred the face of the mountains at the mouth of our community. They have produced phosphorus ponds and polluted the Portnuef River with other deadly and carcenogenic chemicals. The killed the river along with Simplots.

FMC should not be allowed to leave anything behind! They created the mess and they should clean it up. We already have enough Superfund Cleanup sites in Pocatello. FMC made money, hand over fist, by scarring our scenery and polluting our air. They should be forced to clean up the mess they're trying to leave behind for others to clean up with taxpayer money. This is not right or just.

I'm a big fan of the EPA but if you let these polluting bastards get away with this, you've lost an admirer. I lived 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area and 25 years here in Pocatello. I know what the EPA can and cannot accomplish. The EPA can accomlish much if it is so inclined.

Give the people of Pocatello a break for once in 40 years for crying out loud. FMC needs to clean its mess up. No capping, make them take thier filth with them. Pocatello has suffered enough from 40 years of irresponsible pollution of its water and air by FMC. FMC needs to clean its mess up. All of it. At their expense. Why should anyone else have to deal with their "screw the public's opinion" attitude. I've dealt with their bad attitude for the last quarter of a century. FMC needs to "be responsible" for cleaning up their own mess. Certainly they should not be allowed to leave pollution they've produced behind for others to deal with. They made money polluting my environment and you want me to deal with it? Bullshit!

Nothing personal of course but the EPA needs to do their job rather than pandering to the Political representatives of Idaho. The EPA should represent the citizens whose safety is in their care. That is the job of the



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EPA. The EPA, in this instance, is conducting itself as an apologist for FMC, as if they were paying your salaries.

Very Sincerely,

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